

**REMARKS**

This is a divisional application of pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/173,531, October 15, 1998, which is a non-provisional application of Serial No. 60/062,375, filed October 15, 1997.

Applicants now request that claims 1-20 be canceled and, replaced by new divisional claims 1-23, be examined on the merits.

No new matter has been added.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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